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TAGS: MARR, UNSC, XF, LE, IS, PL, UR  
SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: QUESTION OF POLISH UNIT FOR UNIFIL

REF: A. STATE 83810 (NOTAL), B. USUN 1241, C. WARSAW 2702 (NOTAL)

1. WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHAT THE GOP REACTION WOULD BE IF  
A POLISH ENGINEERING COMPANY WERE INVITED INTO  
UNIFIL FOR MINE CLEARING (REF B), AS CONTRASTED WITH  
THEIR PRESENT UNEF ROLE, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS  
LARGELY CONCERNED WITH TRANSPORTATION. THIS WOULD  
NOT APPEAR TO BE A "LOGISTICAL" FUNCTION AS  
SUGGESTED IN REF A, AND THE POLES MIGHT BE CON-  
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CERNED THAT SOME PALESTINIAN QUARTERS WOULD VIEW  
THE ROLE OF THE POLISH CONTINGENT AS DIREC-  
TED AGAINST THEM.

2. WE ALSO NOTE THAT MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR PAWLAK, IN A CONVERSATION WITH  
DAS HELMAN MARCH 30 (REF C), INDICATED STRONG RE-

LUCTANCE ON POLAND'S PART TO PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. WHILE NOT REJECTING PARTICIPATION IN PRINCIPLE, PAWLAK SAID POLAND WOULD BE WILLING TO BECOME ENGAGED IN SUCH OPERATIONS ONLY WHERE POLAND'S NATIONAL INTERESTS, AS WELL AS LARGER GLOBAL INTERESTS, WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED. HE ADDED THAT HE SAW LITTLE AHEAD TO SUGGEST THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOP LEADERSHIP HAS MADE ABUNDANTLY EVIDENT ITS INTEREST IN CUTTING A DISTINCT FIGURE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ESPECIALLY MULTILATERAL ONES, AND FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK HAS ASSIDUOUSLY SOUGHT TO CULTIVATE A WORLD STATESMAN'S IMAGE. AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIFIL AS THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EAST EUROPEAN GROUP COULD HAVE APPEAL IN TERMS OF THOSE INTERESTS.

4. IN ANY EVENT, IT IS CERTAIN THAT POLAND'S RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN UNIFIL WOULD ULTIMATELY BE DETERMINED BY THE SOVIET ATTITUDE ON THE QUESTION.

5. WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING UNIFIL OPERATIONS, I PERSONALLY RECALL THEN-SOVIET DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
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SAFRONCHUK IN 1974 FIRMLY DEFENDING THE PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN CRITICISM OF PRC REFUSAL TO PAY ITS PEACEKEEPING OBLIGATIONS.  
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